# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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FAMILY COURTS
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**Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the States and Union Territories to set up more family courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the States and Union Territories thereto; and

(d) the number of family courts existed at present in each State and Union Territory?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Government have been periodically requesting the States and the Union Territories to set up more Family Courts. Recently in the Conference of Law/Home Secretaries of all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations held on 30.10.2001 in the Department of Justice, all the States/Union Territories were requested to set up more family courts.

(c) So far Eighteen States/Union Territories have set up Family Courts.Some of the States like Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Goa have, inter alia, reported that they have their customary courts to deal with family disputes and they do not have much litigation. Some of the States/UTs like Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Dadra & Nagar Haveli do not have requisite population to establish family courts and sufficient number of cases to justify the establishment of family courts. In Tripura, competent court in sub-divisions are empowered to try the cases involving matrimonial and family affairs. In Chhattisgarh, courts of additional judges have been designated separately for this purpose at District level. Some more family courts are likely to be set up in NCT of Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.

(d) 85 Family Courts have been set up in the States/Union Territories so far. The States/Union territory-wise details are as follows :

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Andhra Pradesh  - 7
Assam   - 1
Bihar   - 1
Gujarat   - 4
Jharkhand  - 4
Jammu & Kashmire - 1
Karnataaka  - 9
Kerala   - 7
Maharashtra  - 16
Manipur   - 1
Orissa   - 2
Rajasthan  - 6
Sikkim   - 1
Tamil Nadu  - 6
Uttar Pradesh  - 14
Uttaranchal  - 2
West Bengal  - 2
Pondicharry  - 1
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